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NATIONAL OILSEEDS AND VEGETABLE OIL DEVELOPMENT BOARD
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives behind constitution of National Oilseeds and Vegetable Oil Development Board;

(b) the works undertaken by the said Board during the last two years;

(c) whether the Government has reviewed the works undertaken by the Board;

(d) if so, the details and outcome thereof; and

(e) the corrective steps taken by the Government on the basis of outcome?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (e): National Oilseeds and Vegetable Oils Development (NOVOD) Board has been created in 1983 under an Act of Parliament for promotion oilseeds and vegetable oils industry in the country. However, from the Xth Plan onwards, the Board is implementing a Central Sector Scheme `Integrated Development of Tree Borne Oilseeds` for the promotion of Tree Borne Oilseeds (TBOs) including Jatropha and Karanja.

The NOVOD Board has established plantations of Jatropha, Karanja, neem and other TBOs over 2522 ha., 150 ha., 200 ha. and 110 ha. respectively during the last two years. The Board has also undertaken research activities under the National Network besides organizing 113 farmers training programmes during the last two years.

The activities of the Board are reviewed by the Managing Committee and its Board periodically and appropriate directions are issued from time to time.